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The right to development

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49

Twentieth report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 on the right to development (A/C.5/62/18).

2. As indicated in paragraph 2 of the statement, under the terms of operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 6 and 39 of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49, the General Assembly would:

(a) Endorse the conclusions and recommendations adopted by consensus by the Working Group on the Right to Development of the Human Rights Council at its eighth session and call for their immediate, full and effective implementation by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and other relevant actors;

(b) Support the realization of the mandate of the Working Group on the Right to Development as renewed for a period of two years by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/4, with the recognition that the Working Group shall convene annual sessions of five working days and present its reports to the Council;

(c) Support the realization of the mandate of the high-level task force on the implementation of the right to development, established within the framework of the Working Group on the Right to Development, as renewed for a period of two years

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by the Human Rights Council in its resolution 4/4, with the further recognition that the task force will convene annual sessions of seven working days and present its reports to the Working Group on the Right to Development;

(d) Stress the importance of endorsement of the road map outlined in paragraphs 52 to 54 of the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its eighth session (A/HRC/4/47), which would ensure that the criteria for the periodic evaluation of global partnerships, as identified in Millennium Development Goal 8, prepared by the high-level task force and being progressively developed and refined by the Working Group, are extended to the other components of Millennium Development Goal 8 by no later than 2009;

(e) Invite the Chairperson of the Working Group on the Right to Development to present a verbal update to the Assembly at its sixty-third session.

3. The activities and additional resource requirements related to the implementation of the requests are described in paragraphs 4 to 7 of the statement. Provision has been made in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 for the implementation of activities related to operative paragraphs 2 and 6 of the draft resolution. The activities to be carried out under operative paragraphs 1 and 39 of the draft resolution, described in paragraph 4 of the statement, would give rise to additional requirements of $47,000, which are to be accommodated within the resources proposed under section 23, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. With respect to operative paragraph 3 of the draft resolution, the annual two-day sessions of the high-level task force would require additional resources of $74,300, which are also proposed to be accommodated from within the provisions of section 2 ($63,300), section 23 ($8,200) and section 28E ($2,800) of the proposed programme budget for 2008-2009.

4. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly note that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.3/62/L.49 would not entail additional resource requirements under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management; section 23, Human rights; and section 28E, Administration, Geneva, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009. Resort to use of the contingency fund would therefore not be required.**